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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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LAMBROU ET AL.

Examiner: B. Kwon

APPLICATION NO: 10/090,085

FILED: MARCH 4, 2002

FOR: METHOD FOR OPENING POTASSIUM CHANNELS

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of July 27, 2004 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on October 27, 2004. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

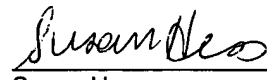
Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$^{6,1000}980 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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